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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3. 6) ☐ Other: .

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morioka et al. (USPN 5850076) in view of Burrell (USPN 6411502).

Regarding claims 1, 4, 8, and 15-20, Morioka teaches an input device (2) including a transparent switch (10) which is arranged over the display surface of the display device (1). Morioka teaches the use of guidance message on the screen of the display device enabling the user to input or select information according to the guidance for the purpose of executing the desired transaction. See col. 6, lines 2-9 and col. 1, lines 25-35. However, Morioka does not specifically disclose an operation nullification device that prohibits inputting and operation nullification canceler which works with respect to a predetermined timing. Morioka on the other hand teaches a selection processor (7) performing a predetermined process based on the information selectively input by the user through a display device (1) and the selection input unit (5). Furthermore, Morioka teaches a selection procedure in terms of predetermined period of time. See col. 6, lines 18-21, Fig 1, and col. 11, lines 13-23.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made utilize the selection processor along with the selection input unit in order to input the selected operations in anyway desired. One would have been motivated in view of the suggestion in Morioka that the selection processor along with the selection input unit is functionally equivalent to the desired operation nullification device and operation nullification canceler. The use of a selection processor helps function a transaction apparatus which comprises display and input devices as taught by Morioka.

Morioka has been described above. However, Morioka does not teach a scenario where the apparatus is installed and used in a vehicle. Burrell on the other hand teaches a portable device (2) installed inside a vehicle. See Fig 6 and col. 6, lines 50-62.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize Morioka's transaction apparatus in Burrell's electronic device system mounted in a car. Because both reference teach a display device coupled with an inputting mechanism and one of ordinary skill in the art would have looked toward Burrell for the manner in which the device is mounted.

Regarding claim 2, Morioka teaches a selection requesting unit (6) and selection processor (7) which performs a predetermined process based on information, selectively input by the user. See col. 3, lines 1-7.

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Regarding claims 3, 7 and 14, Morioka teaches a shifting of the selection target, aborting of a given operation as well as initiating a new operation. See col. 11, lines 4-12.

Regarding claims 5-6 and 9-13, Morioka teaches the shifting mode in terms of button, B1 which is operated before a predetermined time passes. See col. 11, lines 13-23.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered to applicant's disclosure.

The following arts are cited for further reference.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,302,948 to Lau et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,694,150 to Sigona et al.

U.S. Pat No. 6,166,778 to Yamamoto et al.

U.S. Pat No. 6,239,792 to Yanagisawa et al.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Abbas Abdulsalam** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-8591**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard Hjerpe**, can be reached at **(703) 305-4709**.

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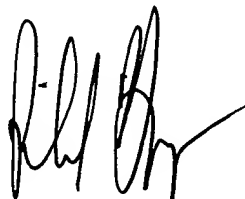
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